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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

Docket Number (Optional)

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Patent Number: **US 6,367,154 B2**Application Number: **09/270,151**Issue Date: **April 9, 2002**Filing Date: **MARCH 16, 1999**

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**April 9, 2002**

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is

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Date

**April 13, 2012**

Signature

**Arie Degabli**

**Arie Degabli, inventor**  
Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

☒ Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

☐ Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

NOT Small Entity			Small Entity		
Amount	Fee	(Code)	Amount	Fee	(Code)
<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 ½ yr fee	(1551)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$	3 ½ yr fee	(2551)
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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 1,425.00

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ 700.00 (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ 700.00

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

- ☒ Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 2,125.00
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. the sum of \$
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to Deposit Account No.

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7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made, please

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8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s) *Arie Degab*

Date *April 13, 2012*

Typed or printed name(s) *Arie Degab*, Registration Number, if applicable

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ENCLOSURES:

- ☒ Maintenance Fee Payment  
☐ Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely  
☒ Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)  
☐ Other:

*Letter Attached.*

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

Signature

*ARIE DEGABLI to me*

Date

*April 13, 2012*

Type or printed name

*Arie Degabli, Patentee*  
*INVENTOR*

Registration Number, if applicable

STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)



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April 13, 2012

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. I just found out last week that the U.S Patent office sent me out a bill to renew my patent. Sadly the address that was on file was where our office was located back when we filed in 1999, had changed. We moved from that office location on record sometime in 2005 in my memory is correct. We did have a forward mail request in place but this was many years after it had expired.

I am so sorry that I did not bring this to your attention sooner. I did not realize that we had a bill sent to us or that the time had passed until last week. I called this morning and was informed that I needed to fill out the attached form PTO/SB/65 and mail it along with the money that is due both for being late and the fee. I have enclosed the check in the \$ 2,125.00.

I would hate to see all the hard that went into this just disappear and really am so sorry that I did not realize this had occurred. The Attorney on record no longer works in this industry so we are doing this on our own.

We would also like to provide our email address since back then I do not think we had a place to provide it. Our email address is [Degabli@att.net](mailto:Degabli@att.net). Mailing address is : 3973 Walters Avenue Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Thank you so much for taking the time to review our request and hope that you will grant my wife and I our patent back.

With much gratitude,

*Arie Degabli*  
Arie Degabli